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FOR D/LOS FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS - MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AMENDMENTS

REF: STATE 183452

1. I AGREE IN SUBSTANCE WITH THE PROPOSED MSR AMENDMENTS TO THE
ICNT CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. TO MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION OF THESE AMENDMENTS
AT THE RESUMED SESSION OUR TACTICS SHOULD, IN MY JUDGMENT, TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT THE REACTION WE GET TO THESE AMENDMENTS FROM
CERTAIN COUNTRIES BEFORE AUGUST 21. I WOULD THEREFORE
APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING OUR EMBASSIES IN SELECTED COUNTRIES TO
DISCUSS INFORMALLY AND TENTATIVELY THE TEXTS OF THESE AMENDMENTS
AND THE ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY WITH THE HEADS OF LOS DELEGA-
TIONS (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL) AS INDICATED IN PARA 4
BELOW. I NOTE THAT OXMAN WILL HAVE DISCUSSED THE AMENDMENTS
WITH SOVIET LOS OFFICIALS ON HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW.

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3. IN PRESENTING THE AMENDMENTS PLEASE ASK THE EMBASSIES TO
DELIVER A PERSONAL ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES:

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES IS FAR FROM SATISFIED WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT FOR THE CONDUCT OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH. THE REASONS FOR OUR DISSATISFACTION ARE WELL KNOWN TO

YOU, AND WE NEED NOT LABOR THEM AT THIS TIME. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT SHARE OUR VIEWPOINT. WE HAVE THEREFORE ACQUIESCED IN THE CONCEPT OF COASTAL STATE CONSENT, BUT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE, AND POSSIBLE, TO IMPROVE AND CLARIFY THE RELEVANT PARTS OF THE ICNT WITHOUT DISTURBING THE OVERALL BALANCE NOW REFLECTED IN THE NEGOTIATING TEXT. TO THIS END WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY CERTAIN AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE THE TEXT MORE WORKABLE AND REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPUTES BETWEEN THE COASTAL STATE AND THE RESEARCHING STATE. PLEASE REVIEW THESE AMENDMENTS WITH TWO CRITERIA IN MIND: (A) DO THEY CLARIFY THE INTEREST OF THE PRESENT PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT AND (B) DO THEY ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE COASTAL STATE AND THE RESEARCHING STATE WITHIN A FRAMEWORK CONDUCIVE TO INCREASING THE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE ARE PRESENTING THESE AMENDMENTS INFORMALLY TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS TO ENABLE US TO GAUGE THE PROSPECTS FOR THEIR GAINING CONSENSUS AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR STUDYING THESE AMENDMENTS GIVING ME YOUR REACTION AT AN EARLY CONVENIENT DATE.

I CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THE IMPORTANCE MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO IMPROVING AND CLARIFYING THE MSR PARTS OF THE ICNT, AND HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR COOPERATION AT NEW YORK TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FOR THEM.

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4. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES SEEM TO ME LOGICAL ONES TO SOUND OUT ON THE AMENDMENTS.

-- BRAZIL. I ADVISED FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA THAT WE WOULD APPROACH HIS GOVERNMENT.

-- BULGARIA. YANKOV - I WARNED HIM AT GENEVA THAT WE WOULD HAVE AMENDMENTS TO PRESENT. HIS SUPPORT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT.

-- CANADA. BEESLEY.

-- AUSTRALIA. BRENNAN. SINCE BRENNAN IS PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED IN BERN, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE EMBASSY CANBERRA RAISE THESE AMENDMENTS WITH A SENIOR LOS OFFICIAL IN CANBERRA.

-- MEXICO. CASTANEDA - PLEASE ADD FURTHER NOTE FOR THE DISCUSSION WITH HIM TO EFFECT THAT THESE AMENDMENTS LARGEMLY INCORPORATE THE COMPROMISE WORKED OUT ON MSR IN THE CASTANEDA GROUP AT THE 6TH SESSION, ALTHOUGH IN SOME RESPECTS GOING BEYOND IT. I ATTACHE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO HAVING HIS SUPPORT

FOR THEM.

-- FRG. WOLFF - SINCE THE FRG HOLDS THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE EC, I WOULD WELCOME ACTIVE FRG SUPPORT AMONG THE NINE FOR
THE AMENDMENTS.

UK. ARCUS.

-- CHILE, PERU AND ECUADOR. I DISCUSSED AMENDMENTS WITH
ZEGERS AND ORREGO JULY 26. REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTEL. I WILL RAISE
WITH PERU AND ECUADOR NEXT WEEK.

5. IF YOU THINK THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT OMISSIONS FROM THE
FOREGOING LIST, PLEASE INCLUDE THOSE COUNTRIES IN YOUR
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